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Indiana Main Street Honors the Town of Angola with *Community Impact* Award

ARCADIA, IN- Yesterday, Indiana Main Street honored the Town of Angola and the Go Angola Downtown Alliance with the 2011 Indiana Main Street Community Impact Award during the statewide Indiana Main Street Conference, held at Alice's Restaurant in Arcadia, Indiana. The Indiana Main Street Program is managed by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

"Congratulations to the Town of Angola and the Go Angola Downtown Alliance on this well-deserved award," said Lt. Governor Skillman, who oversees OCRA. This group's downtown revitalization efforts are helping promote economic activity in their community."

The City of Angola and the Go Angola Downtown Alliance's downtown streetscape project is 35 years in the making. The major streetscape is not only visually attractive, but creates a safer environment for pedestrians and businesses. Safety was previously a major concern in the downtown due to a large amount of truck traffic. Since the project's completion, there has been an increase in new businesses in the downtown and around the downtown as a result of the renovations. This project was a large community project that involved the City of Angola, the Go Angola Downtown Alliance, the Angola Garden Club, and many other community members.

Indiana Main Street was established to provide economic revitalization and professional assistance to participating communities. Indiana Main Street encourages the revitalization and restoration of downtown areas in Indiana cities and towns.

For more information about Indiana Main Street, please visit www.ocra.in.gov/mainstreet.

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